

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE: The Spirit dwells in me but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive.

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

1 Corinthians 12:1

"SPIRITUAL GIFTS" IS CONFUSING // ASSESSMENT TEST TOLD ME I DIDN'T HAVE THE GIFT OF PREACHING // BETTY THOUGHT SHE HAD TONGUES // MARY THOUGHT SHE HAD PROPHECY

Gifts Myth #1:

Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities like **healing** or doing miracles.

Gifts Myth #2:

Spiritual gifts are the reason I **deserve** a certain role in the church.

Gifts Reality:

The Holy Spirit empowers **me** to build **Christ's** body.

1 Corinthians 12 (p. 797)

THE HOLY SPIRIT always honors Jesus.

(1-3) // I AM NOT THE GOAL OF THE GIFTS // MY DEVELOPMENT IS NOT THE GOAL OF THE GIFTS!
ILL: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK (THE COW WAS NOT GIVEN TO HIM FOR HIS SAKE!!)

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES many different GIFTS.
(4-6)

- List One (vv. 8–10)
- List Two (vv. 28–30)
- List Three (Romans 12:6–8)
- Also Exodus 31:2–3
- Also Judges 3:10 & 14:6

The lists are unimportant, incomplete, and never repeated, but what is repeated is "by the Spirit."

The point is not to identify which listed gifts line up with you, but to remember that whatever you are and whatever you can do is based upon the **Spirit's**

gifting for **his purposes**.

ILL: I'D LOVE TO GIVE YOU A TEST... AND PUT YOU TO WORK... BUT AN ATHEIST OR BABY BELIEVER... AND NO TEST EVER SAYS 'KIDZONE AT LCC' ... KIM BAUMGARDT // A DEAL: I WON'T TEST YOU TO CONVINCE YOU TO WORK, AND YOU RECOGNIZE EVERYTHING AS A GIFT FOR HIM

YOUR gifts AND YOUR lacks BUILD THE BODY.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7

YOUR GIFTS FOR THEIR GOOD // THEIR GIFTS FOR YOUR GOOD

But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1 Corinthians 12:18

YOUR GIFTS FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF

...But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:24-25

YOUR GIFTS AND LACKS INCREASE OUR UNITY

And in the church God has appointed first of all ... eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

GOD ORDERS GIFTS FOR MOTIVATION NOT PRIDE

Take it home...

The Holy Spirit empowers me to build Christ's body

**YOU ARE A WALKING BATTERY // FILLED WITH POWER TO BUILD OTHERS UP
YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HERE ARE BATTERIES FILLED WITH POWER FOR YOU!**

MINDSET:

1. Everything I've been given (time, talent, money) is **from God** for the good of **his church**.
2. Everything I lack is God's **design** for me to learn **unity**.
3. If I don't live in this **flow** with God's **people**, I quench the **fire** of God's **Spirit**.

ACTION:

1. What do I have?
2. Am I building the body?

**THIS DEVOTION TO THE BODY OF CHRIST IS CENTRAL TO BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY.
FLIP OVER TO 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17FF**